11th August 1960]

Minimum wages for the employees in the Cinema industry

* 114 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the South Indian Cinema Employees Association has submitted a memorandum of grievances to the State Government and to the Film Industry Committee appointed by the Government of Madras during May 1960 requesting the Government to appoint a wage board to go into the service conditions of the Cine employees and fix a decent wage for them; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) It is proposed to take steps to fix the scales of pay for the various categories of workers in consultation with the concerned interests and ultimately to draw up a decasualisation scheme for labour in this industry.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : May I know, Sir, whether this Government have taken any steps on a previous occasion taking into consideration their daily work and their daily wages and their very poor condition?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : There have been some awards given by the Industrial Tribunals.

Electrification of Tambaram-Villupuram Railway line

* 115 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : } SRI M. P. SARATHI : } Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state the present stage of the proposal to electrify Tambaram-Villipuram Railway line?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Our information is that all the ancillary civil engineering works connected with the scheme have been practically completed. The system of electrification to be adopted is under consideration of the Railway Administration and technical details are being worked out by them for undertaking the work.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : May I know Sir, the reasons for this delay in taking up this job?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : There is not much undue delay. The proposal involves many different problems and they had to be solved. They are being attended to and earnest attempt will be made to finish it soon.

SRI R. SRINIVASA IYER : ஸார் இந்த எலெக்ட்ரிபிகேஷன் சம்பந்தமாக ரயில்வே ஸ்டேஷன்களில் இரட்டை ப்ளாட்பாரம் போடப்பட்டு வந்தது ஏறக்குறைய ஒரு வருஷ காலமாக நிறுத்தப் பட்டிருப்பது அரசாங்கத்திற்குத் தெரியுமா? ஏ.சி., டி.சி.,